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<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 305), and the Advisory Action mailed on June 9, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 605), in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.